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PRESIDENT: All right now, you're withdrawing your motion to bracket the bill, is that correct, Senator Stahmer?

SENATOR STAHMER: Yes, right, I'll withdraw.....

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer is withdrawing the motion now. Do you want to make the motion that it'll be read last on General File....excuse me....

SENATOR STAHMER: Now I'd like to make the motion to have it read last.

PRESIDENT: All right now, he's moving that it be read last. That's the issue before the Body. Senator Carpenter. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: This is a battle between lawyers. Which one's going to pick the pocket of the common citizen the most. That's always been the thing. They read...they put in the papers full page ads signed by one man. Now, I attended some of these meetings, not all of them. It's my opinion that about 75% of the lawyers are for this bill and about 75% of the judges are, then to the others, for example. Nothing would satisfy them except to leave it as it is. Now, this is going on just like went on yesterday in LB1028. Irrespective of what you say, you're trying to kill the bill. You can do it at one place, Final Reading, let's do it now.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer is asking unanimous consent to withdraw his motion. There is now no issue before the Body. Means we will proceed with the Final Reading of LB354. Now, wait a minute, let's make sure we have everything. Senator Carstens, Senator Fred Carstens, your light is on. I wonder if you want to be recognized. Turn it off, sir. Speaker Proud, your light is on. Does that indicate that you want to be recognized for some measure? Thank you, sir. Turn it off. Proceed with the Final Reading of LB354.

CLERK: Read.

PRESIDENT: You are allowed to move about in the chamber and the Chair would again ask you that you telephone me or wave your hand or do something if you plan to leave the chamber so at least I can keep track of who is gone. Clerk will proceed with the Final Reading of LB354.

CLERK: Read LB354. (Machine turned off)(See pg.1240 of Jrl)

SENATOR CARSTENS: Check from now on every time anything comes up of anybody being permitted to leave their seats during any Final Reading. Now, the lobbying that went on through the reading of LB254 was the difference between the bill passing and not passing. The lobbying was going on on this floor. There were people unauthorized on the floor, actively lobbying and I'm going to object to that and from now, I know it's too late on this bill, but it may save somebody else. There'll be no more running around.

PRESIDENT: Your point is well taken, Senator. Attention please, the Final Reading.....Senator Chambers.